near the major export-oriented industries; and

(c) whether any State Government has proposed for such a venture and submitted any proposal and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) The Government recognises the need for setting up of various component manufacturing industries in the country. In the last few years, the Government have substantially liberalised the industrial Licensing policy and Procedures like de-licensing of specific industries and de-licensing for non-MRTP/non-FERA Companies up to an investment of Rs. 50 crores in backward areas and Rs. 15 crores in non-backward areas, subject to specific conditions. All these facilities are available for the setting up of components manufacturing units. Various steps have also been taken for promoting small scale ancillary Units in the country to meet the requirements of both large and medium Undertakings. For the technological upgradation of components manufacturing industries, transfer of foreign technology is being allowed on a case to case basis. Proposals for the setting up of units for the manufacture of components are considered on merits.

Complaints to MRTPC against manufacturers of Consumer items

2388. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are any complaints with MRTPC against the manufacturers of cigarette, tooth paste, shaving cream and other consumer items about manipulation of production, creation of artificial scarcity and tying up of sales of some of the slow moving products with fast moving ones; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon and if no action has been taken so far, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) The MRTP Commission does not maintain product-wise details of such complaints. The Commission, being a quasi-judicial body, is empowered to take appropriate action on such complaints of consumers under the provisions of the MRTP Act, 1969.

Complaints against the Director(PI)

2389. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the services of former Director(PI) of his Ministry have been placed at the disposal of the State Government;

(b) if so, when the communication was sent and what are the details thereof ?

(c) whether it is also a fact that the complaints received against him have neither been investigated nor have been brought to the notice of the State Government;

(d) what are the details of the complaints received and what are the reasons for not investigating the matter; and

(e) what steps are being taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE